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R.O.C.A2-3238-29. South Kanara Collector's Office,
Mangalore, 3rd January 1930.

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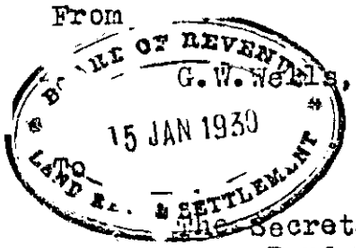


G.W.Wells, Esquire, M.A., I.C.S.,
Collector of South Kanara.

The Secretary to the Board,
Land Revenue and Settlement, Madras.

Sir,

Alienation - Land and revenue - (South Kanara) - Udipi taluk - Puttur village - Depressed Classes Mission.

D.O. confidential No. 2183-F 29-3, dated 4-10-29, from the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras.

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With reference to the correspondence ending with B.P. Endorsement No. K-6554-29-1, dated 26-8-29, I enclose herewith proposals for the alienation of plots shown in the margin in favour of the Depressed Classes Mission, Mangalore. Sketches of the plots in duplicate are also enclosed.

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| S.No. | 227/1 | - 12.94 acres. |
| " | 227/3 | - 1.02 acres. |
| " | 228/3 | - 4.77 acres. |

2. Of the plots resumed by Government in their G.O.No.Mis. 1131-Rev., dated 26-5-28 communicated with B.P.Ref.C.No. 240/28-4, dated 5-6-28 and amended by B.P.Mis.No. 305, dated 29-1-29, the Secretary of the Depressed Classes Mission wishes to retain the whole of S.No. 227, which contains the eight houses built by the Mission as well as a portion of S.No. 228, which is contiguous to S.No. 227. The village path running through these plots has been separately subdivided as S.Nos. 227/2 and 228/2 and excluded.

3. I enclose the requisite alienation statements in respect of the plots. The Honorary Joint Secretary, Depressed Classes Mission, was requested to send me a resolution of the Mission consenting to abide by the conditions mentioned in the list appended. The Mission has consented to abide by all the conditions excepting conditions Nos. 2 and 3 as would appear from the reply of the Honorary Joint Secretary, a copy of which is enclosed.

4. I recommend that Government may be addressed with a

view to sanction the alienation of the plots in favour of the Mission in case the Board of Revenue holds that it is not -- necessary to impose conditions Nos. 2 and 3.

Your obedient servant,

for Collector.

Conditions:-

(1) The land and the buildings thereon shall be used for the purpose of an agricultural Settlement for depressed classes and for no other purpose.

(2) The grantee shall maintain the buildings in good condition. Such repairs as the Collector may consider necessary from time to time shall be executed by the grantee within such time as the Collector may fix and to his satisfaction. In the event of default, the repairs shall be carried out by the-Collector and the cost thereof recovered from the grantee.

(3) No alterations other than those necessary to keep the buildings in good condition shall be made to the existing buildings nor shall any new building other than those required for residential purposes of members of depressed classes be erected on the site without the previous permission of the Collector.

(4) The site shall be converted into an agricultural Settlement for depressed classes and the necessary new buildings for the residences shall be constructed within three years from the date of the grant.

(5) The alienation, by the grantee of the land or any portion thereof by gift, sale, mortgage, lease in perpetuity or otherwise shall be void unless the transaction has been previously sanctioned by the Collector.

(6) No rent shall be levied for the occupation of the quarters of the colonists but assessment if any may be collected from them when and after it is decided that the land should be charged with assessment.

(7) The Government may resume the land wholly or in part with any buildings thereon:

(a) if the land is not used for the specific purpose for which it was granted, or

(b) if the conditions on which it was granted cease to be fulfilled, or

(c) if the land is in the opinion of the Government required for a public purpose or for conducting mining operations,

(d) if the land or any portion thereof is alienated in violation of clause (5) or if the grantee's rights therein are transferred or sold by the decree of a competent Court or under the orders of any competent authority, or

(e) in case the Government are satisfied that the agricultural Settlement is not properly managed.

(8) In the event of such resumption, if there are buildings on the land except those now existing or those constructed in contravention of condition (3), the Government may at their option either -

(a) purchase the buildings;

(b) allow the grantee to purchase the land at its value on the date of sale; or

(c) direct the grantee to remove the buildings.

(9) In the event of the resumption of the land with any building thereon, no compensation whatever shall be paid by the Government in respect of the buildings now standing on the land, or buildings constructed in contravention of condition (3).

(10) In the event of the resumption of the land followed by the purchase of the buildings under condition (8) (a) or in the event of the acquisition of the land for any other reason, the compensation payable therefor shall in no case exceed the initial cost or the value at the time of resumption or acquisition, whichever shall be less, of any buildings erected or other improvements effected on the land by the grantee in accordance with the terms of the grant or under the previous permission obtained from the Collector under condition (3).

(11) In the event of the grantee refusing to remove the buildings when so directed under condition (8) (c) the Government may remove them and realize the cost of removal by the sale of the materials.

(12) In the event of the voluntary relinquishment of the land by the grantee, no compensation shall be payable for any improvements that may have been effected or other works that may have been executed on the land by the grantee at its cost.

five years, the Government reserving to themselves the right to decide at the end of that period whether any and, if so, what assessment shall be charged on the area actually brought under cultivation.

(14) The grantee shall appoint a suitable and energetic agent to look after the colony and that such agent shall reside either in the colony itself or at Udipi with a view to utilise the lands for the purpose for which they were originally ------ assigned.

(Sd) G. W. Wells,

Letter from the Honorary Joint Secretary, Depressed Classes Mission, Mangalore.
To the Collector of South Kanara, Mangalore.
Dated Nil.

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Ref:- Your R.O.C.A2-3238-29 dated 29th November and 7th December, 1929.

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The Committee of the Mission has considered the conditions sent along with the letter dated 29th November 1929, referred to above and desire me to point out that conditions Nos.2 and 3 cannot reasonably be imposed on us in view of the fact that they presume that there are buildings on the plot to which the Mission has no right. As you are aware, the buildings now existing on the plot belong to the Mission. So excepting these two conditions, the Mission accepts all other conditions. The resolution of the Committee runs as follows:-

"In view of the fact the buildings existing on the plots were constructed by the Mission, the Committee resolves to accept all other conditions excepting conditions Nos.2 and 3 relating to buildings communicated by the Collector of South Kanara in his letter R.O.C.A2-3238-29 dated 29th November, 1929.

I request you to be good enough to appreciate the position of the Mission in this matter and delete the conditions referred to.

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Application for the alienation of land revenue payable to Government.

South Kanara District.

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| 1. Description and area. | S.Nos.227/1,3,228/3 measuring 12.94, 1.02,4.77 acres respectively of No.68 Puttur village, Udipi Taluk, assessed Government waste, amounting in all 18.73 acres. |
| 2. (a) Annual assessment or ground rent. | Assessment of Rs.12-15-0, 1-0-0 and 5-15-0 respectively amounting to Rs.19-14-0. |
| (b) Capitalised value (25 times assessment or ground rent) | Rs.496-14-0. |
| 3. Alienees and purpose of alienation. | Depressed Classes Mission, Mangalore for the benefit of the Depressed Classes. |
| 4. Collector's remarks. | |

South Kanara Collector's Office,

Mangalore, Dated 3-1-1930.

For Collector.

Application for the alienation of land in which the proprietory right belongs to the state.

South Kanara District.

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| 1. Description and area. | S.Nos.227/1,3,228/3 measuring 12.94, 1.02, 4.77 acres respectively of No.68 Puttur village, Udipi Taluk, assessed Government waste, amounting in all 18.73 acres, letting value at Rs.20-0-0 per acre. |
| Market | |
| 2. Value ~~(a) freehold.~~ | ~~Rs.9365/-~~. |
| (b) ~~subject to assessment.~~ | Rs. 8868-2-0. |
| 3. Alienees and purpose of alienation. | Depressed Classes Mission, Mangalore for the benefit of the Depressed Classes. |
| 4. Collector's remarks. | |

South Kanara Collector's Office,
Mangalore, Dated 3-1-1930.

For Collector.

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R. F. XXII-A-19.—26,004—31-1-29 (6).

**Subject.—**

FOR MEMBER.

A. S. (L. R.)

Alienation - Land and Rev - (S. Kanara) Udipi Tk - Puthur village - Depressed Classes Mission - Proposals submitted

READ AGAIN B. P. No. _____, dated _____ 192

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READ ALSO :—

Register No. _____, From the _____ K 407/30 — A. with enclosures, dated _____ 192

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RESOLUTION. No. K 407/30-1, dated 2-2-30 192

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2/. The Board has no objection to the omission of Conditions 2 and 3 mentioned in the list of conditions enclosed with the Collector's letter read above.

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RESOLUTION. K 407/30-1
No. _____, dated 7-2-30 192

Submitted to Govt.
2. The Board has no objection to the omission of conditions 2 and 3 mentioned in the list of conditions enclosed with the Collector's letter read above.

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Sectt. II-15 (b)—25,000—22-1-30.

BOARD OF REVENUE
23 APR 1930
LAND REVN. & SETTLEMENT

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Alienation - Land and Revenue - (South Kanara) - Udipi Taluk - Puthur village - Depressed Classes Mission - Sanctioned.

Sett Commr.
23 APR 1930

R e v e n u e DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. MS. 752 dated 16th April 1930.

ENCLOSURES.

No.

READ the following paper :s-

G.O.No.2437 (Revenue) dated 28th October 1919.
,, ,, 1131 ,, ,, 26th May 1928.
,, ,, 106 ,, ,, 17th January 1929.
,, ,, 1452 ,, ,, 22nd July 1929.

From the Honorary Joint Secretary, the Depressed Classes Mission, Mangalore dated 1st August 1929.

From the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue and Settlement, Ref.No.K. 407/30-1 dated 7th February 1930.

Letter to the Government of India, Department of Education, Health and Lands No.2183 F/29-8 dated 5th March 1930.

From -do- 66-L dated 29th March 1930

O r d e r:-

With the previous sanction of the Government of India the Government sanction the alienation of 18 acres and 73 cents land comprised in the S.Nos.noted in the margin in Puttur village Udipi Taluk, South Kanara District, in favour of the Depressed Classes Mission, Mangalore for the purpose of an agricultural settlement for the depressed

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| S.No.227/1 | 12 acres and 94 cents |
| ,, 227/3 | 1 acre and 2 cents |
| ,, 228/3 | 4 acres and 77 cents |

2. The alienation will be free of charge for the occupancy right, but subject to the following conditions:-

(1) The land and buildings thereon shall be used for the purpose of an agricultural settlement for depressed classes, and for no other purpose.

(2) The site shall be converted into an agricultural settlement for depressed classes, and the buildings necessary housing the settlers shall be constructed within three years from the date of the grant.

(3) The alienation by the grantee of the lands or any portion thereof by gift, sale, mortgage, lease in perpetuity, or otherwise shall be void, unless such transaction shall have been previously sanctioned by the Collector.

(4)No rent shall be levied for the occupation of the quarters of the settlers, but assessment may be collected from them when and after it is decided that the land shall be charged with assessment.

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(d) if the land or any portion thereof is alienate in violation of condition (3); or

(e) if the grantee's rights therein are transferred or sold by the decree of a competent court, or under the orders of any competent authority; or

(f) if the Government are of opinion that the management of the settlement is not satisfactory.

(6) In the event of such resumption, if there are buildings on the land other than buildings constructed for a purpose other than that mentioned in condition (2), the Government may at their option either

(a) purchase the buildings, or

(b) allow the grantee to purchase the land at its value on the date of sale, or

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(7) In the event of the resumption of the land with any building thereon, no compensation whatever shall be paid by the Government in respect of buildings constructed for a purpose other than that mentioned in condition (2).

(8) In the event of the resumption of the land followed by purchase of the buildings under clause 6(a), or in the event of the acquisition of land for any reason, the compensation payable therefor shall in no case exceed the initial cost, or the value at the time of the resumption or the acquisition, whichever shall be less, of any buildings erected or other improvements effected on the land by the grantee in accordance with the terms of the grant.

(9) In the event of the grantee refusing to remove the buildings, when so directed under clause 6(c), the Government may remove them and realise the cost of the removal by the sale of the materials.

(10) In the event of the voluntary relinquishment of the land by the grantee, no compensation shall be payable for any improvements that may have been effected or other works that may have been executed on the land by the grantee at its cost.

(11)The land shall be free of assessment for the first five years, the Government reserving to themselves the right to decide at the end of that period whether any assessment shall

be charged on the area actually brought under cultivation, and if so, what amount.

(12) The grantee shall appoint a suitable agent, with the approval of the Collector of South Kanara, to superintend the colony and to manage its affairs; and such agent shall reside either in the colony itself or at Udipi.

(13) The grantee shall waive all claim to the sum of Rs. 325/- which was sanctioned as compensation for the buildings and walls erected by it on the lands which are now being alienated.

(By Order of the Governor in Council)

H.R.Pate,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
Land Revenue and Settlement

Copy to Public Works and Labour Department.

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B. S. Venkatarao
Superintendent.

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A. S. (L. R) Alienation - Land and Revenue - (S. Kanara) - Udipi Tk - Puthur villages - Depressed Classes Mission.

K 407.

To Asst - Secy

Please see the collector's letter at pp 1-2 cf.

The history of the case is briefly as follows. An extent of 34·29 acres of land in Puthur village, Udipi taluk
pp 11-12 of (F) was alienated in G.O Mis 2437 dt 28·10·1915 in favour of the Depressed Classes mission, Mangalore for the purpose of an agricultural settlement for depressed classes subject among other conditions to the condition that the land was liable to resumption if the settlement was not managed to the satisfaction of the Govt. On 20·12·27,
pp 1-2 of (Q) the collector reported that no improvements had been made by the mission except the erection of eight small houses in S. No 227. viz S. Nos 228, 220/2, 209/1B2 & 176/2A
No use was made of the other plots alienated to the mission since 1919 and the collector recommended the resumption of the above
pp 10-11 of (Q) plots. The Board thereupon supported the collector's recommendation, But the Govt in their
pp 12-13 of (Q) G.O. order No. Mis 1131 dt 26·5·28 ordered that all the lands alienated to the mission

hauld be resumed and that the plots occupied in S. No. 227 might be assigned to the occupants of the huts. In accordance with para 2 of the G.O read above requiring the amount of compensation payable to the mission, the Board on 22-10-28 repor that a sum of Rs 490/ might be ~~fixed~~ paid as the amount of compensation. But the Govt in their order No. Ms 1452 dt 22-7-29 sanctioned only a sum of Rs 325/- to be paid as compensation for the buildings erected by the mission.

Against the above the Secretary, Depressed classes mission wrote a letter to the Secy to Govt, Rev Dept protesting against the in low amount of compensation offered to the mission. The Secretary also requested that the Commissioner of Labour might be deputed to inspect the ~~accused~~ site The Commr of Labour after personal inspection

to Govt, Rev Dept wrote a confidential D
the collector calling for the alienah
proposals of the land required by the
The collector has now
accordingly sent in proposals for the
alienation of 1 acre in S. Nos 227/1, 227/3
and 228/3 of Puttur village, Edipi Tk in
favour of the mission. The mission agrees
to all the conditions of alienation
except conditions Nos 2 and 3. The Board
may not insist upon the conditions nos
2 and 3 as the existing buildings were
constructed by the mission. The alienation
proposals may, perhaps, be recommended
to Govt. for orders.

V.D. Muruvaraman
31/1/30

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To Asst-Secy

A.S(L.R)

Please see orders on the previous page. Draft submitted.

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To ASL(R)

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Copy of D.O. to G. W. Wells Esq., I.C.S., Collector of South Kanara, from the Under Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, (Confidential) No.2183 F/29-3, dated 4th October 1929: -

Alienation - Land and Revenue - South Kanara - Udipi Taluk - Puttur village - Depressed classes Mission - Reference G.O.No.1452 Revenue, dated 22nd July 1929.

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I am to forward herewith copies of Mr. Suryanarayana Rao's letter dated 1st August 1929 and Gray's D.O. thereon and to request you to submit proposals, after consulting Mr. Rao, for the alienation of land to the mission, as suggested by Gray. The proposals should be submitted through the Board of Revenue, and should be accompanied by a clear sketch so as to obviate any possibility of error in identification of the lands.

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Copy of letter from Mr. Suryanarayana Rao, Secretary, the Depressed Class Mission, Mangalore, dated 1st August 1929:-

I beg to submit that the amount of compensation sanctioned to the Depressed Classes Mission for the buildings and walls erected by the Mission on the lands resumed in G.O.No.1131 Revenue Department dated 26th May 1928, is far below the amount the Mission feels is entitled to, under the conditions of alienation. In my letter No.30/29/30 dated 3rd June 1929, I requested the Government to depute the Commissioner of Labour to inspect the accounts of the Mission, in regard to the expenditure incurred on the buildings and walls erected by the Mission with the limited resources at their disposal. I understand that the Commissioner of Labour will be touring in South Canara District about the end of this month. Therefore, I request the Government to be so good as to ask the Commissioner of Labour to look into the matter during his forthcoming visit. If the Government are pleased not to accede to any of the requests made in my letter referred to already and in this, the Mission is advised by its Legal Advisers to take necessary

*teps to get from the Government the compensation to which the Mission is morally and legally entitled.*

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Copy of Confidential D.O. from the Commissioner of Labour, dated 5th September 1929:--

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I inspected the lands in question on 2nd September along with the District Labour Officer, Mangalore, the Tahsildar of Udipi and a representative of the Depressed Classes Mission, Mangalore. There has apparently been some confusion over the localization of the pieces of land which the Mission was willing to surrender to Government. That has led, I think, to a mistake in the calculation of the amount of compensation due to the Mission. In his letter Ref.No.A-2-4625-27 dated 20th August 1928, Mr. Herbert, the then Collector of South Kanara reported to the Board that the Mission was willing to surrender certain plots to Government and that it did not ask for any compensation for improvements on the land which it was willing to give up. But the Secretary of the Mission when he wrote to the Collector on 16th July 1928 seems to have made a mistake in his description of the plots which the Mission wished to retain. The mistake probably arose from the fact that the lay-out of the lands as originally prepared for the Depressed Classes Mission by Mr. Dann, the Director of Town Planning, in connection with the scheme contemplated by the Mission for an

agricultural settlement, was subsequently modified with his approval. The plots appear to have been re-numbered in the plan embodying this modification. The result was that it was assumed that the Mission was willing to relinquish without compensation not merely certain plots on which it had done little or no work but also the plots on which the three southernmost of the 8 huts erected by the Mission for Koraga settlers are situated. The Secretary's letter certainly failed to make his intention clear. Anyhow, in calculating the compensation payable to the Mission the value of these three huts was excluded by the Collector. The original cost of each hut was given as Rs.101-14-0 and the value at the time of the Collector's report of 20th August 1928 was estimated at one half of the original cost, so that to the compensation of Rs.325/- awarded by Government, a sum of one-half of three times Rs.101-14-0 ought apparently to be added on account of the three southernmost huts. A further small enhancement amounting to a few rupees will have to be made on account of the value of the mud-walls in that portion of the land which, it was considered, wrongly as would now appear, the Mission was willing to surrender but which it actually desired to retain. The actual amount will have to be determined after verification on the spot and actual measurement. Mr. Suryanarayana Rao with whom I had an informal conversation about the matter does not, I gather, question the correctness of the Collector's figures of the original cost and present value of each hut, or of the mud walls.

In his letter of the 16th July 1928 to the Collector of South Kanara, Mr. Suryanarayana Rao definitely stated that he required only the plots marked 1-28 and 40-44 in Mr. Dann's lay-out, but as explained above he was referring apparently to a revised plan, not to the blue-print signed by Mr. Dann and contained in the Collector's disposal file No.4825/27, on page 102. The Mission never intended, I believe, to relinquish without compensation the portion of S.No.227 on which the three huts I have mentioned above are situated. It is prima facie most unlikely that they would ever have agreed to give up all claims for compensation for these three huts. In a letter dated 17th August 1928 to the Collector, -

Mr. Suryanarayana Rao stated that very little money had been spent on the improvements of the portion of the land which the Mission was willing to give up and that no comepnsation need be paid for such improvement. Obviously therefore he was unaware that his previous letters had been read as meaning that he had relinquished all claim to these three huts.

As his letter to Government of the 3rd June last indicates, Mr. Suryanarayana Rao is very anxious that the Mission should be allowed to retain that portion of the original grant which it had ear-marked for the purposes of a Koraga (as distinguished from ~~the~~ an Adi Dravida) settlement. But he has no objection whatever to the resumption of the remaining lands which the Mission had intended for the Adi Dravidas. I think there is something to be said in support of the request. It is perfectly true, as Mr. Suryanarayana ~~Rao~~ Rao points out, that although the assignment was originally made to the Depressed Classes Mission in 1919, it was not until wells were sunk in 1924 and the difficulty of water supply had been over-come that it was possible to make a real beginning with the scheme for an agricultural settlement. The scheme also received a set-back in 1927 on account of the destruction by storm of the 6 huts originally constructed by the Mission for Koraga settlers. Although the Mission was undoubtedly somewhat dilatory in working out its scheme for the settlement of the Koragars on the land which it had ear-marked for them, it had actually, by the end of 1927, constructed 8 fairly substantial huts at a cost of Rs.101-14-0 each, over and above the 8 original huts which had been destroyed by storm, and had succeeded in inducing 7 families of Koragars to settle in 7 of those new huts. The remaining new hut was reserved for a sort of office or common meeting place. Efforts were, I understand being made by the Mission to induce other Koraga families to come and settle on the land, and a scheme was under a consideration in 1927-28 for the formation of a co-operative society, to assist the Koragars in connection with their basket-weaving industry. The idea was that this industry should serve as a means of supplementing the income the Koragars would derive from the cultivation of their lands. As

our experience in the South Kanara Dt. shows, the formation of an agricultural settlement for Koragars is a very slow and difficult business. These people are accustomed to living in the forests and it is no easy matter to induce them to give up their nomadic habits and to take to a settled life and to the cultivation of land.

I gather from Mr. Suryanarayana Rao that although the Mission has complained that the compensation awarded is inadequate, what it chiefly desires is to be allowed a further opportunity of carrying out its scheme for an agricultural settlement for the Koragars, on the portion of the lands originally assigned, which it had ear-marked for that purpose. The Mission was just beginning to get a real move on when the order of resumption was issued, and having regard to the very up-hill task which it had set itself, to the substantial amount it had already spent on the colonization scheme and also to the good work in connection with the elevation of the Depressed Classes which the Mission is doing in and around Mangalore, I am inclined to support its request for a re-consideration of the order of resumption. If Government agree to my suggestion, the resumption orders may be cancelled in so far as the plots indicated as 1-28 in S.Nos. 227 and 228 in the enclosed (very rough) sketch are concerned and also in regard to those portions of S.No.227 which are marked in the sketch as reserved (for common purposes). The sketch is a copy of ~~the~~ one supplied by Mr. Suryanarayana Rao to show the work already done and the further work which had been planned for the Koragars. The eight huts now actually in existence have been under-lined in red and the positions of the ~~other~~ other huts which it is proposed to build for additional settlers have been hatched in ink. The land which the Mission wishes to retain and which it had ear-marked for Koragars apparently comprises the whole of S.No.227 and about 3 or 4 acres in S.No.228. The exact limits and areas will have to be carefully worked out on the ground by the Revenue authorities in consultation with Mr. Suryanarayana Rao. In this connection I may observe that Mr. Gawne, when he was Collector of South Kanara, in his letter to the Board of Revenue No.4825-27-A-2 dated 20-12-1927 recommended

the resumption not of all the lands assigned under the original grant but only of the following survey numbers of which the Mission had made no use:--228, 200/2, 209/1-B-2 and 176/2-A.

If Government are inclined to agree to my suggestion, a limited period of say three years may be allowed and if the Depressed Classes Mission is not able within that time to carry through its scheme for the formation of an agricultural colony of Koragars, to the satisfaction of Government, the land may then be resumed. As a matter of fact, Mr. Suryanarayana Rao told me that if after a further two or three years efforts the Mission is unsuccessful in its attempts to put the proposed colony on a proper footing, it will give up the scheme as a failure and gladly surrender the land to Government. A further condition which I would m suggest, if my proposal about the partial cancellation of the resumption order is approved, is that the Depressed Classes Mission should undertake to appoint an energetic agent to look after the colony for the next three years and that the agent should live either in the colony itself or failing that, in Udipi. The unsatisfactory progress in the past is partly due, I think, to the lack of a really competent man on the spot to look after the work. The selection of the local agent should, I think, be subject to the Collector's approval. I shall probably be able to give the Mission a grant towards the pay of their local agent in charge of the colony.

In his letter of the 16th July 1928 to the Collector, Mr. Suryanarayana Rao requested that the Mission might be allowed to retain plots 40-44 of Mr. Dann's lay-out (situated in S.No.176-2-A) for the purpose of running a demonstration farm with the help of the Agricultural Department. These plots are some little distance from S.Nos.227 and 228 in which the proposed colony is to be formed, and I doubt very much whether any useful purpose would be served by allowing the Mission to retain them, or by attempting to run a demonstration farm of this kind in connection with a Koraga colony.

At the time of my inspection only 5 of the 8 existing huts were ~~EE~~ occupied by Koraga families. Of the other 3 huts, the walls of one and a portion of the walls of another had collapsed. The five Koraga families who are in actual occupation have apparently settled down permanently. I found them busy making baskets, but beyond a few cents of ragi, and some mango, plantain and cashew trees etc. they have done very little in the way of cultivating their lands. It must however be said in fairness to the Mission that since the orders of resumption were passed in May 1928 there has been no one except the Koragars themselves in charge, responsible for seeing that the huts are kept in proper condition and that the lands attached to them are properly cultivated.

I return herewith the note-file and current file, pages 1 to 3 sent to me with your D.O.

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